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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PROVISIONAL CABINET NAMED

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FOLLOWING HIS INSTALLATION AS PRIVISIONAL GOVERNOR GENERAL OF MOZAMBIQUE, IN LISBON ON JUNE 11, DR. HENRIQUE SOARES DE MELO NAMED CABINET OF 12 MEMBERS (MORE MAY BE TO COME). CABINET IS PREDOMINANTLY WHITE, WITH MANY MOZAMBIQUE NATIVES AND LONG-TIME RESIDENTS, AND CONSISTS PRIMARILY OF TECHNICIANS AND MEMBERS OF FORMER DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION. PRELIMINARY BIOGRAPHIC NOTES FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR GENERAL: DR. PARCIDIO CAMPOS RODRIGUES DA COSTA. TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF MOZAMBIQUE PLANNING SERVICES, CONSULTANT TO MOZAMBIQUE INDUSTRIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSOCIATION (AND DIRECTOR OF ITS MONTHLY JOURNAL), ECONOMIC

CONSULTANT (TO, AMONG OTHERS, ANTONIO CHAMPALIMAUD.)
BORN PORTUGAL, 1919; HAS LIVED IN MOZAMBIQUE SINCE 1960.
HIGHLY RESPECTED ECONOMIST OF LIBERAL VIEWS. MEMBER OF
ABORTIVE DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION TICKET FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
IN 1969, THOUGH CRITICIZED BY SOME RADICALS TODAY FOR TIES TO
ECONOMIC ESTABLISHMENT. FRIENDLY TO U.S., SPEAKS HALTING
ENGLISH. (SEE LOURENCO MARQUES A-63; BIO DATA FORM OF
OCTOBER 9, 1969.)

3. SECRETARY OF TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION: JUDGE JORGE
AUGUSTO DA CUNHA FERRO RIBEIRO. BORN CAPE VERDE, MULATTO.
JUDGE OF THIRD CIVIL SECTION OF LOURENCO MARQUES COURT OF
FIRST INSTANCE SINCE DECEMBER 1968.

4. SECRETARY OF JUSTICE: DR. SERGIO ESPADAS ANTUNES
(GENERALLY KNOWN AS SERGIO ESPADAS). BORN ZAMORA, PORTUGAL,
APRIL 19, 1924, GRADUATED UNIVERSITY OF LISBON 1951 (LAW),
IN PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE 19 YEARS, AT LEAST 15 OF THEM IN
LOURENCO MARQUES. AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF MOZAMBIQUE DEMOCRATIC
OPPOSITION DURING 1969 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. A
ONE-TIME MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST YOUTH MOVEMENT
(1946/47), CONSIDERS HIMSELF A SMALL-D DEMOCRAT RESPECTING
ALL POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS. CONSIDERS TASK OF PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT TO DISMANTLE COLONIALIST STRUCTURE AND ESTABLISH
DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM IN PREPARATION FOR INDEPENDENCE AND FREE
CHOICE OF MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE. SUPPORTS NEGOTIATIONS WITH
FRELIMO AS "ONLY REPRESENTATIVE ACCEPTED AND RECOGNIZED AS
VALID". HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN LOCAL SPORTING (SOCCER AND RIFLE
SHOOTING) CIRCLES.

5. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: DR. JOSE LUIS
RODRIGUES MARTINS. BORN MOZAMBIQUE, CA. 1914. SCIENTIST
(MATHEMATICS, CHEMISTRY) WHO WORKED FOR MANY YEARS FOR
MOZAMBIQUE SOILS LABORATORY, BUT IS PRESENTLY FULL PROFESSOR
OF SCIENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF LUANDA. LONGTIME MEMBER DEMOCRATIC
OPPOSITION. (NOTE: THIS JOB FIRST OFFERED TO PROF. MANUEL
SARAIVA BARRETO, WHO TURNED IT DOWN.)

6. SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE: DR. ANTONIO
JOAQUIM PAULINO. PRESENTLY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES IN
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MACAU. WAS SUCCESSFUL DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL HOSPITAL IN
NAMPULA AND (UNTIL CA. 1972) MIGUEL BOMBARDA CENTRAL
HOSPITAL IN LOURENCO MARQUES.

7. SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION: DR. ANTONIO MANUEL
MASCARENHAS GAIVAO. BORN MOZAMBIQUE, CA. 1930, SON OF ONE TIME
MAYOR OF LOURENCO MARQUES AND MEMBER PORTUGUESE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY. SINCE AUGUST 1973, MOZAMBIQUE DIRECTOR OF BANCO

NACIONAL ULTRAMARINO (BNU). FORMER MEMBER MOZAMBIQUE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, PRESIDENT OF LOURENCO MARQUES COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION, AND DIRECTOR OF NOTICIAS NEWSPAPER. PRESIDENT OF NAUTICUS INSURANCE COMPANY. AN ECONOMIST, HAS BEEN CRITICIZED FOR LINKS WITH FORMER REGIME.

8. SECRETARY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY. DR. ANTERO AUGUSTO SOBRAL. BORN TRANCOSO, PORTUGAL, MAY4, 1914, GRADUATED UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA (LAW), 1941. HAS BEEN IN PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE IN LOURENCO MARQUES FOR SOME 20 YEARS, AND IS ACTIVE IN LOCAL HOUSING COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT.

9. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS: LT. COL. EUGENIO BAPTISTA FIGUEIRA PICOLO. BORN AUGUST 12, 1931, LOURENCO MARQUES. EDUCATED MOZAMBIQUE, HIGHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (LISBON), AND UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (ANN ARBOR). CAREER OFFICER IN PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE ENGINEERING SECTION; MOST RECENTLY HEAD OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE CENTER, LISBON. BROTHER OF CONGEN B & F OFFICER. HAS COMPLAINED PRIVATELY OF MESS AND CORRUPTION HE IS FINDING IN SECRETARIAT, WHICH INCLUDES ALL-IMPORTANT RAIL, PORT, AND AIRLINES ADMINISTRATIONS.

10. SECRETARY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATION AND TOURISM: DR. WILLEM GERARD POTT. BORN MOZAMBIQUE, CA. 1911, MULATTO DESCENDANT OF SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC (BOER) CONSUL GENERAL. LAWYER, EDUCATED PORTUGAL, HAS PRACTICED IN LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE ISLAND AND, MOST RECENTLY, BEIRA. ACTIVE MEMBER DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION AND DEFENDANT OF PERSONS ACCUSED OF POLITICAL CRIMES. HAS TOLD PRESS THAT FRELIMO ONLY GROUP CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING A GREAT MOZAMBIQUE.

11. UNDERSECRETARY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE: DR. ANTONIO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JOSE FIGUEIREDO CARDOSO.

12. UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE: DR. DOMINGOS VIANA SIMOES. BORN PORTUGAL, CA. 1939, IN MOZAMBIQUE ABOUT 10 YEARS. DIRECTOR OF MOZAMBIQUE COMMERCIAL SERVICES SINCE DECEMBER 1972. REPUTED A GOOD ADMINISTRATOR AND NON-POLITICAL.

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13. UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE: ENG. MARIO JOSE RODRIGUES DE CARVALHO. BORN VILA REAL, PORTUGAL, MAY 1, 1921; IN MOZAMBIQUE SINCE CA. 1950. AGRONOMIST, DIRECTOR OF MOZAMBIQUE AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY SERVICES SINCE MAY 1969. FORMER. LKUCOTTOF INSTITUTE AND MOZAMBIQUE AGRICULTURAL SURVEY MISSION. HAS ATTENDED NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCES.

14. FOLLOWING EXPECTED APPOINTMENTS WERE NOT MADE, BUT SOME OF THEM MIGHT COME LATER: FATHER DUARTE DE ALMEIDA, DIRECTOR OF THE EXTINCT LIBERAL-CATHOLIC DAILY DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE (BEIRA) AS AN ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL; ENG. LUIS MANUEL DE ALCANTARA SANTOS, CHIEF OF LOURENCO MARQUES PORT CONSTRUCTION AND SURVEY DIVISION, AS UNDERSECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS, DR. FERNANDO
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CARDOSO PAISANA, DIRECTOR OF VETERINARY SERVICES SINCE 1967, AS UNDERSECRETARY OF LIVESTOCK, (REPORTEDLY VETOED BECAUSE OF HIS FORMER OFFICIAL POSITION IN THE LOCAL ANP PARTY).

15. COMMENT: NEW CABINET IS OVERWHELMINGLY EUROPEAN, THOUGH MOSTLY COMPOSED OF NATIVE MOZAMBICANS OR LONG-TIME RESIDENTS. THEY ARE EITHER TECHNICIANS OR WERE ASSOCIATED WITH INTER-TERRITORIAL MINISTER ALMEIDA SANTOS AND GOVERNOR GENERAL SOARES DE MELO IN THE OLD DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION MOVEMENT. THEY SEEM ON THE WHOLE LESS RADICAL THAN THE CURRENT LINE OF THE SELF-STYLED MOZAMBIQUE DEMOCRATS; FRELIMO HAS ALREADY CONDEMNED NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AS NON-REPRESENTATIVE. CHOICE THUS LIKELY BE RELATIVELY REASSURING TO MOST LOCAL EUROPEANS, THOUGH NO DEFINITE INDICATION YET OF HOW NEW MOZAMBIQUE ADMINISTRATION WILL EVENTUALLY STAND ON CRUCIAL QUESTION OF FREE ELECTIONS VS. DIRECT TRANSFER OF POWER TO FRELIMO.
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